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SUBJECT: INDIA: KOSOVO RECOGNITION DEMARCHE DELIVERED; NO IMMEDIATE SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE

REF: A. STATE 69691

[¶](#)B. NEW DELHI 454

[¶](#)C. NEW DELHI 502

[¶](#)D. NEW DELHI 581

Classified By: CDA John Davison for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

[¶](#)1. (C) A/PolCouns delivered reftel demarche on "Kosovo recognition, donors conference, IMF and World Bank membership following UN reconfiguration" to External Affairs Ministry Joint Secretary (Americas) Gaitri Kumar on June 30. In a July 1 follow up with Kumar's staff, Americas Director Vani Rao said that our points had been shared with MEA's East Europe Division, but that the Ministry had not reached a formal response. Post will follow up in the coming days.

[¶](#)2. (C) On the specific question of recognizing Kosovo's independence, as was reported in refs B-D, Post believes India is unlikely to recognize independent Kosovo in the near term. Post has also been in contact with UK High Commission counterparts, who have also made three similar demarches since February, once with the French and Germans, coming to a similar conclusion.

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